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"HONORING SACRIFICE AND COMMITMENT
OF OUR NATION'S VETERANS." By
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THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
SHOWCASES A MAN FROM ARIZONA
THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SENATOR
JOHN MCCAIN.

SENATOR MCCAIN WAS A JET PILOT
IN THE NAVY DURING THE VIETNAM
WAR. OFFICIALLY A CONFLICT. HE
WAS SHOT DOWN OVER NORTH VIETNAM
AND WAS HELD PRISONER OF WAR IN
THE INFAMOUS HANOI HILTOW.

A POLITICAL FOOTBALL MCCAIN SUFFERED
FIVE YEARS UNTOLD MISERIES AT
THE HANDS OF HIS CAPTORS. WHAT'S
STARTLING IS THAT HE NEVER HAD TO
GO THROUGH THIS ORDEAL. HIS
PERSONAL SACRIFICE AND COMMITMENT
TO DUTY AND COUNTRY PUT HIM
THERE.

MCCAIN'S GRANDFATHER AND FATHER
HAD BOTH REACHED THE RANK OF
ADMIRAL. MEN OF ENORMOUS
INFLUENCE AND ABILITY TO PROJECT
AND FLEX MILITARY MUSCLE
WORLDWIDE. THEY CERTAINLY

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COULD HAVE KEPT THEIR SON OUT OF AARMS WAY.

WHILE SITTING IN HIS JET ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER AWAITING LAUNCH, MCCAIN'S WEAPONS SYSTEM FAILED AND MUNITIONS WENT OFF KILLING MANY SAILORS AND BADLY INJURING MCCAIN. HERE AGAIN SEN. MCCAIN COULD HAVE DETOURED DESTINY BY SIDE-STEPPING HIS DEVOTION TO DUTY. AND AS SOON AS HE WAS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL IN JAPAN HE VOLUNTEERED FOR DUTY ^{flying missions} OVER NORTH VIETNAM.

JOHN MCCAIN IS WHAT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY MAN IS ABOUT. AS PRESIDENT LINCOLN EXPRESSED IN HIS GETTYSBURG ADDRESS, " THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH THE HONORED DEAD GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION." THE CAUSE HE SPOKE OF IS OUR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.